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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
8 Northern District of California
9 San Francisco Division

10 BRENT SCHAFER, et al.,

11 Plaintiffs,

12 v.

13 ASSOCIATION FOR SMALL CLOSELY-
14 HELD BUSINESS ENTERPRISES, et al.,
15 Defendants.

No. C 13-0659 WHA

**ORDER RE: ATTENDANCE AT
MEDIATION**

Date: December 10, 2013
Mediator: George Fisher

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17 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the request to excuse plaintiffs Brent Schafer, Todd
18 Construction, Inc., and defendant representative Ellen Cronin from appearing in person at the
19 December 10, 2013, mediation session before George Fisher is GRANTED. Your letter presumes
20 that it is appropriate for the insurance representative to participate by phone; however, the Court
21 reminds counsel that ADR L.R. 6-10(c) explicitly requires insurance carrier representatives to be
22 present in person unless excused pursuant to ADR L.R. 6-10(d). Nonetheless, in the absence of
23 objection from the mediator or plaintiff's counsel,

24 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the insurance representative for defendants is also excused
25 from appearing in person at the mediation.

26 The excused parties shall be available at all times to participate telephonically in the
27 mediation pursuant to ADR L.R. 6-10(f). However, if the mediator determines that the telephonic
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1 appearance by the individuals is interfering with the mediation process, the mediator may decide to
2 terminate the telephonic appearances and set a new mediation date with personal appearances
3 required.

4 IT IS SO ORDERED.
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6 December 3, 2013

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12 Maria-Elena James
13 United States Magistrate Judge
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